

Peres' popularity slips

TEL AVIV (AP) — Shimon Peres was more popular as prime minister than as foreign minister, but he still did better in a poll published Friday than Yitzhak Shamir, who became premier last month. The poll, published in the daily Haaretz, found that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's most popular cabinet minister, with 68.3 per cent of the 1,200 Israeli respondents saying they approved of his performance. The poll, conducted for Mr. Peres, the Labour Party leader and foreign minister, showed 57.5 per cent in the poll, one of the first taken since he was sworn in on Oct. 20 with Mr. Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc. Mr. Peres' popularity slipped from 63.6 per cent in the last poll taken before he relinquished the premiership, Haaretz said. It said Mr. Shamir's popularity remained almost unchanged with 41.4 per cent approving his performance, compared with 42.1 per cent in the last poll taken when he was foreign minister. The surveys were conducted by the public opinion research of Israel, a private organisation, and had a two per cent margin of error.

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Crown Prince leaves for Geneva

AMMAN (Pena) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal left Amman on Friday on a several-day working visit to Geneva and Holland. During his visit to Geneva, Prince Hassan will attend meetings on Islamic-Christian dialogue. Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were seen off at the airport by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ed bin Zaid, Minister of Higher Education, Nasereddine Al Assad, Planning Minister Taher Kanana, Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, Chief Islamic Justice Mohammad Mhellan, and high-ranking civil and military officials.

New health insurance scheme under study

AMMAN (J.T.) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh has announced that the Ministry of Health is considering the setting up of a new health insurance fund for public and private companies, banks and associations, which are not covered by health insurance schemes. In a statement to Al Rai and the Jordan Times, Dr. Hamzeh said the project would cover a large number of beneficiaries at low cost, and that the project represented a step towards achieving a comprehensive national insurance plan.

Meeting to discuss cut in phone charges

AMMAN (J.T.) — Reduction of charges for overseas telephone calls and the adoption of a new reduced tariff for overseas calls made during holidays or at night will be discussed during today's meeting of the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) board of directors. During the meeting, which will be presided over by Minister of Communications, Muhieddine Al Hussein, a new tariff for all telephone calls is expected to be approved. Once approved by the board, the new tariff will be in force as of the beginning of 1987.

SLA kills villager and wounds child

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — A man was killed and a two-year-old child was injured Friday when the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia opened machinegun fire at a southern village, Lebanese police said. They said the shooting came from an SLA position on hills overlooking the village of Yater, south of this port city and just north of an Israeli self-declared "security zone." The incident took place as a number of civilian cars were heading for the village, they added.

3 Tamils killed in London fire

LONDON (R) — Three Tamils from Sri Lanka were killed in a blazing house in London's East End early Friday when police called a racist firebomb attack. Three incendiaries were thrown into the house before dawn, a police spokesman said, adding: "This is a murder inquiry. It was a racist attack." Six people who managed to escape the flames were admitted to hospital.

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King opens Aqaba power station and 400-kv national line

Jordan celebrates His Majesty's birthday

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Friday inaugurated the first stage of the Aqaba Thermal Power Station (ATPS) comprising of two 130 megawatt generating units and the national 400-kilovolt transmission line between Aqaba and Amman.

The inauguration of the power units and the transmission line coincided with nation-wide celebrations marking the 51st birthday of the King.

The first stage of the ATPS, which cost JD 80 million, will augment the national supply of power and make Jordan self-sufficient in its requirement of power until the year 1991, when the second stage is expected to come on stream.

At the outset of Friday's inauguration ceremonies, Minister of Energy Hisham Al Khatib made a special paying tribute to the King's role in developing energy resources in the country. Dr. Khatib recalled that it was King Hussein who opened the Shufat power station in Jerusalem in 1958 and the Al

Hussein Thermal Power Station near Zarqa in 1977.

In his speech, Dr. Khatib outlined the scope of the power station at Aqaba and also thanked the various regional and international agencies, and Arab and friendly countries which contributed to the project as well as the companies that built the facility.

Dr. Khatib, who is also chairman of the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), outlined expansion plans for the ATPS and pointed out that tenders for part of the work on stage two had already been issued.

Following the inauguration ceremony, the King toured the various sections of the ATPS and was briefed on the project's workings by JEA

Director-General Mohammad Sa'ad Arafat. Mr. Arafat also presented to the King a token gift.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ed bin Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid bin Shaker, senior government officials and members of the diplomatic community in Jordan as well as Syrian Minister of Electricity Anwar Al Baha.

Also on Friday, the King opened the newly established international diving centre, which is planned and operated by the Aqaba Region Authority (ARA). The centre is located 18 kilometres south of Aqaba and provides facilities for diving sports and introducing water sports at a higher level.

ARA President Bassam Kakish briefed the King on the centre's activities and programmes. Mr. Kakish also presented a token gift to the King.

Jordan celebrated the King's birthday on Friday with a number of events were held in various parts of the Kingdom including an international skiing competition

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Iraqis destroy Iranian platform after missile kills 7 in Baghdad

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said Friday its warplanes destroyed a crowded Iranian oil platform in the Gulf on Friday, causing casualties and leaving the surrounding sea ablaze after an Iranian missile landed in Baghdad and killed seven people.

Iraq's Islamic Republic News Agency said the missile attack was in retaliation for recent Iraqi air raids.

An Iraqi communiqué read on Baghdad Radio said the attack killed a man, a woman and their five children. It said 63 other people were injured and four houses destroyed.

Tehran Radio said the target of the attack was the Ministry of Defence building.

Residents of Baghdad said they heard a big explosion early Friday morning, but added they did not know what caused it.

An Iraqi spokesman said the seven fatalities were a whole family.

"Iraq's patience will not last long. At the proper time we will take all necessary measures to protect the lives of our people and their property," he said. Friday's missile attack was the fourth fired by Iraq into the Iraqi capital this year, and the 16th during the past 20 months.

The last Iranian missile attack on Baghdad on Oct. 16 killed six people and wounded 64 others. Iraqi warplanes hit Iranian oil

and petrochemical installations, as well as troop emplacements at the Gulf waterfront, just eight hours after Friday's missile attack, a Baghdad war communiqué said.

The multi-billion dollar petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini, at the head of the Gulf, came under attack for the second time this week and long-range jets also hit Iran's Sassan oil platform in the middle of the Gulf.

The aircraft set fire to their targets and left columns of smoke covering the area," the communiqué said of the raid on Bandar Khomeini.

The Iraqi communiqué said all aircraft returned safely from these sorties and a military spokesman denied an Iranian report that an Iraqi jet was shot down over southern Iran.

Japan has protested to Iraq over Tuesday's air attack on the petrochemical complex, the Foreign Ministry said in Tokyo.

"The attack at an important project for Japan is extremely regretful and it should not be repeated," a senior Foreign Ministry official was quoted as telling Iraqi Ambassador Rasheed Mohammad Saeed Al Rifaie.

Mr. Rifaie was quoted as saying the attack had been aimed at Iranian economic facilities to press Iran to come to the conference table. It was not intended to impair relations between Japan and Iraq, he added.

Shipping sources in the Gulf said Iraqi jets destroyed a crowded Iranian oil platform in the central Gulf.

They said attempts to rescue an estimated 250 Iranians who had been on or near the Sassan oil platform during the missile attack were hampered by fire.

In Baghdad, a high command communiqué said Iraqi warplanes attacked the Sassan field at 0850 GMT, destroying "oil installations and pumping and loading equipment... explosions covered the area with smoke and tongues of fire."

One shipping source said: "Some people have been rescued by a supply boat, but there are casualties."

Iraqi naval and air force personnel were believed to have been on the platform during the missile attack, which was carried out by up to five planes, the sources said.

Khamenei says no compromise with U.S.

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei said Friday that relations with the United States would not improve until it abandoned its "spirit of aggression and expansion."

Mr. Khamenei made the remarks after U.S. President Ronald Reagan told the American people he had sent weapons to Iran in a bid to improve relations with the Islamic government.

The Iranian president said the United States must end its "spirit of aggression and expansionism, its behaviour towards Muslim nations, the Palestinian nation and the oppressed Arab nations."

He vowed there would be no "leniency and compromise" until the United States changed this policy.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency carried excerpts of Mr. Khamenei's remarks, which he made during the weekly Friday prayer sermon at Tehran University.

Describing Israel as a "tumour of corruption," Mr. Khamenei said that as long as the United States supported Israel, Iran would not be able to establish ties with the United States.

Mr. Khamenei repeated a demand for Washington to unblock "hundreds of millions, maybe upwards of one billion, dollars worth of military spare parts" bought by Iran before its 1979 Islamic revolution.

He said such a move might create "a measure of goodwill among the Iranian people" towards the United States.

"If the Americans want to show their goodwill there is no need to send (former National Security Adviser Robert) McFarlane to Iran illegally... they could have created a measure of goodwill among our people by sending those spares."

Mr. Reagan publicly admitted Thursday night that Mr. McFarlane had been in Iran.

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Reagan imposes sanctions on Syria after confirming weapon supplies to Iran

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan imposed economic sanctions against Syria for its alleged support for international terrorism on Friday, one day after he confirmed that the U.S. had sent American weapons to Iran but denied that the supplies were related to American hostages held in Lebanon.

The sanctions against Syria include expansion of current controls on exports of items which could be used for military purposes, a ban on the availability of U.S. Export-Import Bank help for Syria and termination of the air transport agreement between the two countries, the White House said in a statement.

The U.S. action is in support of Britain's decision to cut diplomatic relations with Syria after the British government implicated Syria in an alleged attempt to put a bomb on board an El Al jet at Heathrow airport in London last April.

"In addition to these actions, we have informed U.S. oil companies that we consider their continued involvement in Syrian oil operations inappropriate under these circumstances," said Mr. Reagan's spokesman, Larry Speakes.

He said the staff of the U.S. embassy in Damascus would be reduced and no high-level visits between the U.S. and Syrian officials will take place. The United States already has called its ambassador home.

Speakes said the United States welcomed Monday's decision of the European Community to adopt an arms embargo and other punitive actions against Syria.

Mr. Reagan, declaring that the United States does not pay tribute to "terrorists, said on Friday the freeing of some American

hostages in Lebanon was a bonus of secret White House contacts with Iran.

Mr. Reagan, who told the American people in a televised address Thursday night that small quantities of defensive weapons had been sent to Iran as part of the diplomatic initiative, said the contacts were aimed at bridging differences between Washington and Tehran and bringing peace to the Middle East.

"That the Iranians have used their influence to help free American hostages in Lebanon has been a bonus that has come with the opening of these channels of communication — an encouraging first step and a show of good faith on the part of Iranian officials," he told leaders of charitable organisations at a White House meeting.

Mr. Reagan added: "There has not been and will not be any ransom for hostages. Let there be no doubt the United States does not pay tribute to terrorists."

However, it was unclear on Friday whether Mr. Reagan would succeed in calming controversy over unofficial reports that the United States was not only dealing with Iran but buying freedom for hostages with arms.

One prominent congressman said the president's statement, made Thursday night in a nationwide television address, raised more questions than it answered. Several congressional committees have already indicated their intention to conduct investigations into the Iran negotiations.

Former Under-Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said the affair would weaken U.S. credibility in Europe.

But former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, who flew to Tehran on a secret mission for four days in May, said he felt the American initiative for better

relations was justified.

"There is a fundamentally different line coming from Iran now than in the past seven years," he said.

The president confirmed reports of the U.S. initiative over Iran after the White House had maintained a stony silence over the past 10 days.

He insisted his administration had not secretly violated U.S. policy against trafficking with terrorists or undercut America's allies.

Mr. Reagan said the secret initiative, begun 18 months ago, had been undertaken "for the simplest and best of reasons: To renew a relationship with the nation of Iran to bring an honourable end to the bloody six-year war between Iran and Iraq to eliminate state-sponsored terrorism and subversion and to gain the safe return of all hostages."

He said he had decided to speak because of "unprecedented speculation and countless reports that have not only been wrong but have been potentially dangerous to the hostages and destructive of the opportunity before us."

Washington's relations with Tehran have been bitter since the Islamic government held 52 American hostages for 444 days in 1979-81.

"I am glad he has spoken, but he raised more questions than he answered," said Senator Robert Byrd, who will lead the Democratic Senate majority in the new Congress. "What we're seeing is a public relations game."

Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, vice-chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the White House had become involved in "a very high risk venture."

"I hope they make it very, very

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Thatcher heads for U.S. talks on arms and Iran

LONDON (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher left for Washington on Friday for talks with President Ronald Reagan expected to focus on West European concern over the effects of any future nuclear disarmament in Europe.

Mrs. Thatcher made no comment to reporters as she boarded a Royal Air Force VC10 for the flight to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

Her talks with Mr. Reagan and other top officials also were expected to cover U.S. policy on Iran and the hostage crisis.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, speaking to the House of Commons on Friday morning, distanced Britain from the U.S. policy of supplying arms to Iran. Without directly commenting on Mr. Reagan's television speech Thursday night, Mr. Howe stressed that Britain refused to deal with terrorists to secure the release of hostages.

Mrs. Thatcher is expected to seek an explanation of the U.S. government's negotiations with Iran, which appeared to breach Washington's declared policy of never dealing with countries accused of supporting international terrorism.

Mr. Howe told parliament that Britain was determined to retain

its own nuclear deterrent as long as the Warsaw Pact states maintained what he called their massive superiority in conventional forces and chemical weapons.

"It would be folly indeed to abandon nuclear weapons and so to make Europe safe for conventional or chemical warfare," Mr. Howe said.

Mr. Howe expressed support for the Reykjavik proposal for a 50 per cent cut in U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear systems within five years but made no mention of a further U.S. offer to completely eliminate ballistic missiles in 10 years.

Such a 10-year deal could threaten British plans to install a new U.S. Trident nuclear missile system.

Mr. Howe said that for the "new thinking" in the Soviet Union the facts of the East-West division remained basically the same.

The Soviet Union talks far more about peace and disarmament, but has in practice not stopped steadily building up its already massive forces," he said.

The foreign secretary reminded parliament that Mrs. Thatcher would be travelling to Moscow in the first half of next year.

'British intelligence helped Mossad abduct Vanunu'

LONDON (Agencies) — British intelligence helped the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency spirit Mordechai Vanunu, the disaffected nuclear technician, out of Britain to Israel, the Financial Times said Friday.

The newspaper attributed its information to unidentified senior Israeli politicians.

The Financial Times article said British intelligence — the agency was not specified — "was responsible for the original tipoff to Israel" over Mr. Vanunu, and the tip-off enabled the Mossad "to plan his alleged abduction from London."

The British Foreign Office refused to comment on the report, saying it never confirms or denies news stories about intelligence matters.

A Foreign Office spokesman, meanwhile, rejected as "100 per cent rubbish" a report in the Daily Telegraph saying Mr. Vanunu's lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, had been invited to come to London to meet with Foreign Office officials.

Mr. Zichroni is coming to London Sunday and says he hopes to gather information that may help his client. But the British spokesman said the Foreign Office had nothing to do with Mr. Zichroni's visit and had no plans to see him if he comes to London.

The government said Thursday it had been informed by Israel that Mr. Vanunu left the country of his own volition.

Fears that Mr. Vanunu, who worked at Israel's top-secret nuclear reactor plant at Dimona, was abducted by agents of Mossad, have cast a shadow over Anglo-Israeli relations.

The Israeli government acknowledged this week it was holding Vanunu after he revealed nuclear secrets to a London newspaper.

The Foreign Office said Israel issued the following statement in response to a request by the British ambassador in Tel Aviv about Mr. Vanunu's disappearance: "Mr. Vanunu left Britain of his own volition and through normal departure procedures. His departure from Britain involved no violation of British law."

The Foreign Office added in its own statement on Thursday: "In those circumstances we have no further comment to make on the present position," and a spokesman said there was no evidence of official Israeli misdeeds in Britain in the affair.

Earlier, British politicians again raised the Vanunu case in the House of Commons.

Chad claims killing 200 Libyan troops, downs jet

N'DJAMENA (R) — Chad said Friday its armed forces had shot down a Libyan fighter aircraft and killed 200 Libyan soldiers in fighting in the north east of the country.

A Chadian military communiqué said heavy fighting was taking place Friday near the town of Fada, about 140 kilometres north of the 16th parallel, which divides Chad into a government-controlled south and rebel-held north.

The Libyan troops were supported by fighter aircraft, rocket launchers, tanks and artillery, the communiqué said.

The communiqué was issued as a Franco-African summit meeting began in the Togolese capital Lomé which is expected to be dominated by discussions on Chad's 20-year-old civil war.

Chad's President Hissène Habré is in Lomé and official Chadian radio has said he would seek a condemnation from the summit participants of Libya's role in Chad.

On Monday Chad said Libyan Armed Forces had killed hundreds of people in an air and ground attack on three villages in its desert north.

This claim followed earlier

allegations that Libya, which borders Chad to the north, "was killing" the population of northern Chad.

Libya says it has advisers but no soldiers in the landlocked central African nation.

On Wednesday, Mr. Habré said contacts had begun with northern rebel forces of former Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei to end the war.

He said Mr. Goukouni's forces were "no longer in the service of Libya," which has been the main backer of the northern rebels fighting his government.

Mr. Habré has been pressing France, which used to rule Chad, to give him military support for a push to drive Libya out of his country but Paris has up to now said that French troops stationed in Chad would not take an offensive role.

Mr. Goukouni has been living in exile in Libya but the Tripoli government appears to have withdrawn its financial and military backing for him and

switched its support to Achille Mbongo, who leads a rival group.

All previous attempts to negotiate an end to the conflict have failed, principally because both Mr. Habré and Mr. Goukouni have insisted on being regarded as Chad's legitimate head of state.

Sources close to the Lomé conference say Mr. Habré will call again on French President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Jacques Chirac for military support and can expect backing for this from other pro-Western states such as Zaire.

Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Chirac have rejected earlier calls from Mr. Habré who feels the time is ripe to take advantage of turmoil in rebel ranks to retake the vast but sparsely populated north.

An estimated 1,200 French soldiers returned to Chad earlier this year after rebels made a further bid to capture N'Djamena, the capital.

The French troops' mission is essentially to defend military installations, including radar, at N'Djamena airport, as well as French jet fighters and bombers. Paris has said it will not send them to cross the so-called red line dividing the country.

Herzog cancels visit to the Philippines

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's President Chaim Herzog Friday cancelled a visit to the Philippines planned for next Monday, Israeli state radio reported.

It said Herzog, currently on a Pacific tour, decided to take the Philippines off his itinerary feeling that his presence there could exacerbate the already tense political situation in Manila.

He reached his decision after a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and consultations with Israel's ambassador to the Philippines, Meir Gavish, the radio said.

The Foreign Ministry confirmed that the visit was off but was unable to add any details.

The move follows a conflicting report from the Philippines

embassy in Tel Aviv which earlier said the trip would go ahead as scheduled.

Meanwhile in Kuala Lumpur, about 300 Malaysian Muslim opposition supporters Friday demonstrated outside the Singapore High Commission (embassy) against next week's visit to Singapore by Herzog.

Some protesters crossed the road to the U.S. embassy and burned U.S. and Israeli flags. One demonstrator, carrying a portrait of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, threw some rocks, breaking a guard-house window.

The fundamentalist Parti Islam Se-Malaysia supporters cried "Allah-O-Akbar" (God is

Great) and bore banners reading "Chaim, we Muslims will get back Palestine with our blood," "Dann Israel" and "Lee Kuan Yew, tool of the Zionists."

Mr. Lee is prime minister of Singapore.

About half of Malaysia's 16 million people are Muslim Malays and Islam is the official religion here.

Malaysia backs the Palestine Liberation Organisation against Israel, which has diplomats in Singapore.

Prime Minister Danuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad and other top Malay officials have spoken out often recently against alleged but unspecified "Zionist" attempts to subvert Malaysia.

Police question 4 Israelis over talks with PLO

RAMLEH (R) — Four Israelis were summoned for police questioning about their controversial meeting in Romania with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Attorney-General Yosef Harish has said the meeting between 29 Israelis and 15 Palestinians on Nov. 6 could be a violation of an Israeli law banning contact with terrorist groups.

Four members of the Israeli delegation, Latif Dori, Yael Lotan, Eliezer Feiler and Reuven Kammer were handed summonses on their return to Tel Aviv last Friday.

They were questioned Thursday at Ramleh, near Tel

Aviv, and ordered to post a \$330 bond.

"We did not go (to Romania) in order to break the law but to carry a message of peace," Lotan told reporters at the end of her interrogation.

Dori said he and Lotan answered police questions. Kammer and Feiler did not.

"We exercised our legal right not to answer any questions," Kammer said.

Police issued a terse statement saying the investigation would continue.

Outside the police station, Dori read a telegram the four sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who publicly called them traitors for meeting the PLO.

Charles, Diana arrive in Qatar

DOHA (R) — Britain's prince and princess of Wales arrived in Qatar Friday after visiting a lonely British radio relay station on the Omani desert island of Masirah.

Princess Diana, in a pale pink dress and a pink-and-white striped neck tie, hung onto her hat in the stiff breeze blowing across Doha airport.

A band played as Qatar's Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamad, walked with Prince Charles past an honour guard in uniforms of white and maroon, Qatar's national colours.

The royal couple are to spend two days in this peninsula emirate jutting into the Gulf from the mainland of Saudi Arabia.

U.N. chief speaks against Israeli settlements

UNITED NATIONS (R) — U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has expressed concern over the "consequences that would flow" from establishing more Israeli settlements in territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war.

"This is a matter of deep concern and, more than any other single factor, contributes to doubts in the minds of many about Israel's readiness to negotiate a peace settlement that would require its withdrawal from the territories," he stated.

In an annual report to the General Assembly on the situation in the Middle East, he said it was urgently necessary to find a negotiating procedure acceptable to all concerned.

Meanwhile, it was of great importance that the parties should avoid any actions that could increase tension and suspicion between them and thus make the search for an agreed negotiating process even more difficult.

"In this connection I am particularly concerned about the consequences that would flow from the establishment by Israel of additional settlements in the occupied territories," the secretary general said.

He also said peace efforts would be enhanced "if there were a lessening of violent incidents, which all too frequently involve innocent lives and of which there have been some particularly terrible examples during the period under review." He did not spell out what incidents he was referring to.

In his overall assessment, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the attainment of a just and lasting peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict continued to be elusive.

It had not yet proved possible to reach agreement on the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East as recommended in General Assembly resolutions, and the situation in the region continued to be highly volatile, he said.

The secretary general said there was a wide measure of agreement within the international community that a peace settlement should be based on the following three considerations:

"Withdrawal of Israeli forces from Arab territories occupied since June 1967; acknowledgement of a respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all the states in the region and their right to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries and finally a satisfactory solution of the Palestinian problem based on the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including self-determination. In this context, the question of Jerusalem also remains of primary importance," the U.N. chief said.

McFarlane: Iran meeting arranged 18 months ago

NEW YORK (Agencies) — President Reagan's secret emissary to Iran has said that arrangements for his trip to Tehran in May began 18 months ago.

Former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane said in a television interview Thursday night that the agenda for his visit was set at a meeting with an "intermediary" in London late last year.

"The origin of the dialogue ... began about a year and a half ago when we became aware there were elements in Iran who recognised the state of decline of the country, the futility and harm that was being done by the export of terrorism," he said.

Mr. McFarlane previously would say little about his mission to Tehran. He spoke after Mr. Reagan announced on television that the United States had sent arms to Iran, but that the shipment was not made as ransom to free Americans held in Lebanon.

Mr. McFarlane said he was accompanied to Iran by Lt. Col. Oliver North of the National Security Council and an interpreter.

Asked about reports that he and the others had carried false passports and had been disguised as members of an airline flight crew, Mr. McFarlane said: "We came as properly-clad representatives of the United States government and were received hospitably and were treated with the normal practice that surrounds a meeting like this."

Of a report that he might have brought a cake, Mr. McFarlane said: "I didn't have anything to do with a cake."

Asked why it had been necessary to go to Iran, when discussions with Iranian diplomats could have been held outside the country, Mr. McFarlane said: "Conditions in Iran right now... are very difficult and it's hard for people to go in and out."

"And I think that for them the demonstration of our earnest by someone physically in Tehran was quite a bit of difference and quite a

bit easier for them to manage."

The Washington Post said Friday in a chronology that the American diplomatic move toward Iran had its inception during the June 1985, hijacking to Beirut of TWA Flight 847.

The United States realised the intervention of Iran had led to the freeing of some of the hostages and Mr. McFarlane explored the possibility of new diplomatic channels to Iran.

The director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, and some Israeli arms dealers suggested to Mr. McFarlane the United States could show its good faith by approving some shipments of military spare parts to Iran.

A former agent of the Mossad, Israeli secret service and an exiled Iranian businessman who was a friend of Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hussein Mousavi made the first contacts and a plan of U.S.-made military spare parts was flown from Israel to Tehran by way of Portugal in early September.

A second plane followed on Sept. 14, the day hostage Rev. Benjamin Weir was released.

The New York Times Friday named Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian expatriate businessman living in Europe, as the key intermediary suggested by Israeli officials.

However, other hostages were not freed despite U.S. hopes, the Post report said, and Mr. McFarlane and other officials met Israeli arms dealers in London early this year.

Mr. McFarlane had left the White House on Dec. 4 but remained involved with the negotiations. The Americans, partly on advice of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, decided the continued use of Israeli arms dealers would be too dangerous, the Post report said.

In January, Mr. Reagan approved a secret plan to explore further contacts with Iran, at first ruling out any arms deal but changing his mind in April.

He contacted Mr. Peres, who offered the services of an aide, and

reportedly the president also offered to send arms to Israel for transshipment to Iran. These specifically included spare parts for Iran's U.S.-built jets.

Mr. McFarlane was told in May the way was open for his talks with negotiators in Tehran but the Iranian failure to free any hostages left Washington disappointed.

There were further arms shipments on July 3-4, according to the Post chronology, followed by the release of the Rev. Lawrence Jenko, and in October, with David Jacobson being released on Nov. 2.

Later that week, as a result of political infighting in Tehran, the Post said, a version of the McFarlane visit was published in the Lebanese magazine and the resulting media reports in the United States led to Mr. Reagan's nationwide television speech Thursday night.

In Beirut the magazine that revealed the U.S. overtures to Iran to win the release of American hostages in Lebanon said Thursday that Mr. McFarlane made two secret trips to Tehran in July and in September.

Ash Shira weekly, which is well informed on the current power struggle between Iran's militants and moderates, said it was on the second trip that Mr. McFarlane brought with him spare parts for Iran's U.S.-made planes, its radars and air defence system.

The magazine cited unnamed sources close to Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, the appointed heir of revolutionary patriarch Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, as the source of its new information on Mr. McFarlane's trips.

Montazeri heads the militant wing of Iran's Islamic Revolution against the moderates that are headed by Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Rafsanjani said last week that Mr. McFarlane, who resigned his post as national security adviser in December, had arrived unexpectedly in Tehran in September, disguised in a military

uniform.

Rafsanjani claimed that Mr. McFarlane and five unnamed aides who accompanied him were held incommunicado at a Tehran hotel for five days and the deported to the United States.

Ash Shira quoted Montazeri sources as scoffing at Rafsanjani's version. They said Mr. McFarlane's five-day stay at Tehran's Hilton Hotel was requested by Iran's military command to test the spare parts brought with him for the Iranian Air Force.

"It was only after the air force improved its performance as a result of the U.S. supplies by shooting down three Iranian jets that the Iranian government was convinced of the seriousness of the American offer," Ash Shira quoted the same sources as saying.

"The Iranian response was swift: American hostage David Jacobson was freed in Beirut as a result of a direct dialogue between Tehran and Washington without any role for a third party," Ash Shira added.

This suggests that Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite had no hand in the Nov. 2 release of Jacobson, 55, who was the administrator of the American Hospital in Beirut.

The magazine said its original revelation of McFarlane's trip to Tehran last week had intensified the Montazeri-Rafsanjani power struggle and that Khomeini still was shying away from taking sides.

"His verdict will decide Iran's future course — whether to approve the dialogue with the United States or support the logic of the revolution against that of the state. It appears he is taking his time in weighing the rival logics," Ash Shira said.

It said Montazeri was opposed to any form of deal with the United States concerning the hostages, Afghanistan, or the Iran-Iraq war.

The magazine also said Montazeri's supporters used the seventh anniversary of the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4 to try to seize the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti embassies.

U.S. arms flown to Iran through Spain, report says

MADRID (R) — Planes carrying U.S. weapons to Iran used Spanish airports at least five times in the past two years, the Spanish daily El Pais said Friday.

It quoted Iranian sources in Spain as saying the planes, some of them coming from Argentina, Brazil or Chile, landed at least once at Madrid's Barajas Airport and four times at Malaga, one of Spain's busiest airports on the southern coast of the sea.

Civil Aviation authorities said they were investigating the report. A Foreign Ministry official said Spain had not authorised any plane carrying weapons to Iran to use its territory.

El Pais said the planes carried Tow anti-tank and Hawk anti-aircraft missiles and radar sets and spare parts for U.S.-made F-4 and F-14 fighters.

It said one of the planes, a DC-8, unloaded radar in the Iranian city of Tahriz in

September last year and took off for Madrid with aircraft engines and radar parts that needed repair. The pilot landed in Israel after being spotted by Turkish air control, it said.

Meanwhile in Rome, Italy's small Radical Party Thursday threatened to demand the resignation of Defence Minister Giovanni Spadolini if he does not respond to reports that an Italian port had been used to ship arms to Iran.

Party President Francesco Rutelli told a news conference Mr. Spadolini was either kept in the dark about the alleged arms shipments or he knew about them.

The government has denied that the United States asked Italy to ship arms as part of a deal to free American hostages in Lebanon. It said Rome had embargoed all arms to Iran and Iraq since 1984.

Washington, Tehran discuss funds held in U.S. banks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iranian and U.S. representatives are trying to work out the return of \$500 million in Iranian funds held in U.S. banks.

The U.S. State Department says the discussions have nothing to do with American hostages in Lebanon.

The \$500 million represents the balance left in a \$3.667 billion account Iran put at the disposal of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York to pay off syndicated loans the Iranian government owed when economic relations between the two countries were severed by the Carter administration.

The Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations, said Rajae-Khorassani, told a news conference earlier in the week that the unfreezing of Iranian assets in the United States could "promote the conditions" for the freeing of the American captives in Lebanon.

At the State Department, however, spokesman Charles Redman said Thursday the discussions about the funds "have no connection" to the hostage issue.

The aim of the talks is to decide finally how much of the money left in the fund the United States would keep to pay any claims that haven't surfaced and to pay for administration of the holdings.

A department official, speaking only on condition he not be identified, said Iran "will eventually" get back all but an estimated \$20 million to \$30 million.

U.S. Federal Reserve officials and representatives of Iran's Central Bank are holding the discussions in Europe, the official said.

He said \$485 million was in the fund as of the last official accounting in March.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* An exhibition of paintings by Wendy Powell at the British Council (until Nov. 20).

* An exhibition of Algerian art-jackets at the Professional Associations Complex (until Nov. 18).

* Exhibition of Czech paintings at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Nov. 18).

LECTURE

* The Rev. Dr. Michele Piccirilli OFM, will present a lecture on the latest discovery at Ein El Rasas titled "The rediscovery of an ancient city of Jordan: Ein El Rasas" on Saturday 15 November at 6:00 p.m. at Yarmouk University, Sunday 16 November at 6:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

PRESENTATION

* Presentation of the forthcoming Peace exhibition of Jordan's antiquities and arts at 6:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

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MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also models from Mesopotamia and Jericho (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabel Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Tel. 772561

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1.30 p.m.

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel. 7.30 p.m.

Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1.30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel. 2.00 p.m.

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CHURCHES

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Yarmouk hosts course on demography, communications

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hammad yesterday inaugurated an eleven-day regional course on demography, communications and development programmes.

The course, organized by the university's Department of Journalism and Mass Communications in cooperation with the Union of Arab Broadcasting Corporations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), is being financed by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

The course aims at making participants aware of demographic growth characteristics and their impact on development in the Arab World and defining the role of information, education and communications in spreading information and upgrading awareness about population issues.

During the course, participants will also discuss the role of research in defining the

characteristics of communities and they will assess the role of mass communications and the availability of information and data, using this information for supporting development and demographic programmes.

The course also aims to define research methods and tools and to evaluate both in improving performance.

Taking part in the course are representatives from Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Bahrain, Algeria, Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Qatar, Morocco, South Yemen, Iraq and North Yemen.

During the course, participants will receive lectures about information on educational and communications programmes, in addition to lectures on demographic situation in the Arab World and its reflections on development and family planning programmes.

The course will focus on the role of radio, television and other mass media in serving development causes and demographic activities through training, researches and producing communication materials.

American group visits East, West Banks to pray for peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" were the words of a biblical verse which prompted a 215-member group to come to Jordan and the holy shrines of the West Bank as part of a demonstration of their desire for world peace.

The group — comprising members of most Christian denominations in the U.S. and Mexico — crossed the Jordan River on foot and hand-in-hand on their way to visit the holy places within the programme of a nine-day "prayer for world peace" conference.

The group, now in the West Bank, will be back in Amman on Nov. 19 to end the prayer for peace conference which has been jointly organised by the U.S. based Compass tours travel agency in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and the Royal Jordanian Airlines.

group made tours of Jerash and Madaba where they held prayers for peace.

The organisers of the visit are expecting more of these groups to come to Jordan and the occupied territories in the next few months. "We expect about 1,000 members in various groups to visit Jordan for the same purpose," said Mr. Raymond Masillo, Compass tours vice president.

The ages of the members in the group, which includes family members and church ministers, range from 13 to 85 years and all have received certificates from the Ministry of Tourism. The ministry also presented peace medals to the tour hosts and ministers.

Jordan celebrates King's birthday anniversary

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held at Aqaba Friday evening. Public rallies and processions were also held in various regions. Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Thursday opened the newly-built Al Hashemiyeh square in downtown Amman and the Plaza Hotel at the Housing Bank complex in Amman.

At the downtown ceremony, Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh said the newly opened square and the area that surrounded it constituted the first stage of a project aimed at developing the central districts of the capital. The project is drawn up with the purpose of preserving the archaeological sites in the area and facilitating the flow of traffic and offering better access to pedestrians to the shopping areas in downtown Amman, the mayor said.

The King and Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque at the square and received flowers from children. The King later lit a candle to mark the occasion.

The King and Queen toured the square, which is set up on a 12-dunum plot surrounded by bookshops, souvenir shops and stores that deal with Jordan's

traditional crafts. In the middle of the JD 250,000 square is a pool with a fountain surrounded by a flower garden. The square is within easy reach from surrounding roads and alleys.

Municipal officials said the square could accommodate 10,000 people and could be used for public festivities on national occasions.

Later, the King and Queen opened the Plaza Hotel. Their Majesties unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the different parts of the new hotel which includes conference halls, restaurants and a health centre.

At the outset of the inauguration ceremony, Housing Bank Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors Zuhair Khouri made a speech welcoming the King and Queen and outlining the Housing Bank's projects and achievements. The new project, he said, is one more accomplishment in Jordan under the leadership of King Hussein.

Referring to the bank's achievements Mr. Khouri said that the bank, which has 80 branches around the Kingdom serving 400,000 people, had

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince Abdullah opens car show

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein on Thursday opened the second exhibition of cars at the Orthodox Club in Amman. The four-day exhibition is displaying nearly all the latest models of cars that Jordan imports through different agents. Altogether, 76 1987 models are being displayed by 24 car dealers and some companies are displaying a wide range of car accessories and spare parts.

Dajani to chair governors' talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani will chair a meeting of provincial governors on Saturday to discuss working papers on promoting services in different governorates of the Kingdom. A Ministry of Interior spokesman said that the governors will discuss the role of their offices in implementing the 1986-1990 five-year development plan in their respective regions. Amendments of regulations governing the use of land and traffic issues will be discussed at the meeting. Also to be reviewed is issuing passports to citizens of the badia regions of the Kingdom.

Nuwemeh junction claims another life

IRBID (J.T.) — A road accident on the Irbid-Amman road on Thursday caused the death of one person and the injury of six others, three of them seriously. Reports in the local press said that the accident, which occurred largely because of speeding, happened near the Nuwemeh junction — the site of numerous previous accidents. The accident involved two cars and one of the injured was a two-year old child.

Syrian agriculture official due today

AMMAN (Petra) — Director General of the Syrian company for fruit and vegetables Mohammad Sameer Abdul Dayem is due in Amman for a several-day visit to Jordan during which he will meet with the minister of agriculture and a number of agriculture officials. The Syrian official will also hold talks with the director general of the Agricultural and Marketing Processing Company of Jordan (AMPCO) Ghazi Abu Hassan to specify the quantities of fruits and vegetables which each country will export to the other one in implementation of a protocol signed between the two companies.

More people use ferry links

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 364,396 passengers have arrived in Jordan via the Aqaba-Nuweibeh and Aqaba-Suez lines since the beginning of this year up to the end of September, up from 301,484 passengers during the same period of last year. Ports Corporation sources said that the number of passengers departing on the two lines reached 350,034 since the beginning of this year until the end of September against 149,004 passengers during the same period of the last year.

Sayegh to attend French Caritas festivities

AMMAN (J.T.) — Archbishop Salim Al Sayegh, head of the Roman Catholic community in Jordan and deputy chairman of the Jordan Caritas Society leaves for France Saturday to take part in celebrations of the French Caritas Society which is marking its 40th anniversary. During the visit to France, Archbishop Sayegh will discuss the possibility of Caritas financing for a number of Jordanian development projects.

King reaffirms Jordan's commitment in support of national causes, liberation

Al Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem and our Arab brothers living under occupation will not be forsaken, King says at ceremony to celebrate anniversary of Prophet Mohammad's birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has said that Jordan will honour its commitments, remain faithful to national causes and will continue to rally Arabs and Muslims for the liberation of their holy land, at the same time continuing to extend all possible help to Arab brothers in the occupied Arab territories.

Addressing a ceremony held at the Palace of Culture of Al Hussein Youth City on Thursday to mark the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Mohammad, King Hussein said that Jordan will never forsake Al Aqsa Mosque and the city of Jerusalem. "These will remain our main preoccupations and the centre of our concern, and we will continue to confront challenges with determination, resolutions and faith, well-confident of the final victory," King Hussein stressed.

He said that on this holy occasion Jordan remembers and greets the Arab people living under Israeli rule, and supports their steadfastness in the face of adversity. Referring to the birth of the Prophet, the King said that it marked the advent of a new era in history, a change in culture and thought; and an emergence of a new faith which carried a new message to the world — aiming to give people happiness, both spiritually and materially.

The holy occasion is an incentive for all Muslims to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet and to learn from the lessons in his own life and from his struggle to serve humanity, King Hussein said.

Islam, King Hussein said, does not encourage deviationists, extremists and terrorists or corrupt people but calls for reason, high morals, diligence, equality and integrity.

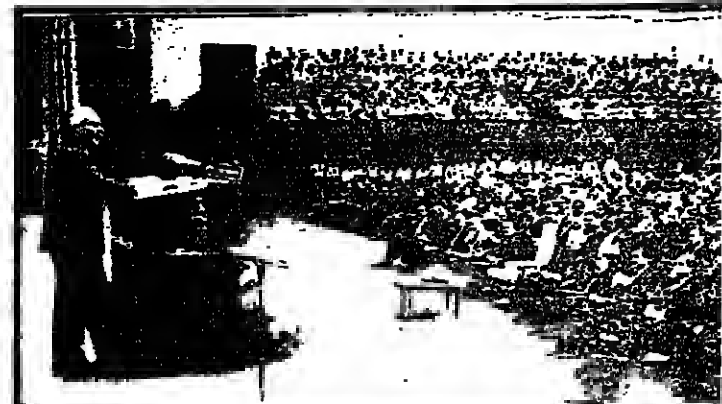
In his life and his actions, the Prophet Mohammad was a moderate and balanced personality and his behaviour at home and in public was model, caring about the weak and helping the poor and the needy, King Hussein pointed out. He said Muslims around the world should find in the Prophet an example to lead them through life.

Calls for unity

Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mheilan delivered a speech to the ceremony in which he urged Arabs and Muslims to adhere to the Islamic religion and its teachings and he called on them to end their differences and join their ranks in the face of the common challenges.

Another speaker was Minister of Education Thouqan Al Hindawi who also called on Arabs and Muslims to unite in the face of dangers threatening their existence.

The ceremony was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi and Akef Fayed, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, cabinet members, members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, heads of Arab and



His Majesty King Hussein on Thursday addresses a ceremony at Al Hussein Youth City (above) to mark the anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Mohammad which was attended by senior government officials, religious leaders and army officers (below) — photos: Youssef Al 'Allan



Public procession

To mark the occasion, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs organised a public procession in Amman. The marchers, who included scouts and army bands, passed through the main streets of the capital ending the procession at the new municipality building.

King Hussein received cables of good wishes from senior officials

Cables

On the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday, the King received cables of congratulations from a number of Arab leaders including King Hassan II of Morocco, Sudanese head of state Ahmad Al Merghani and President of the Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom.



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Reagan imposes sanctions on Syria

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clear that arms are not going to be traded for hostages," he said in a television interview. "I do think that Americans working or travelling in the Middle East are going to be at risk."

Mr. Eagleburger said he felt the affair would weaken America's credibility particularly with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who arrived in Washington Friday and will visit Mr. Reagan at Camp David on Saturday.

"I think she's got to feel under stress. She's been tough and we haven't," Mr. Eagleburger said.

Mr. Reagan said all the U.S. military supplies sent to Iran would not fill a single cargo plane. They had been dispatched to convince the unidentified elements with whom the United States was dealing in Tehran that his negotiators were acting with presidential authority.

"Those with whom we were in contact took considerable risks and needed a signal of our serious intent if they were to carry on and broaden the dialogue," he said.

"The United States has not made concessions to those who

hold our people captive in Lebanon. And we will not. The United States has not swapped boatloads or plane loads of American weapons for the return of American hostages. And we will not."

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin of Wisconsin regretted there was "ample evidence for the Iranians to think we were exchanging military equipment for hostages — and for lots of other people to think so."

Hostages Benjamin Weir, Lawrence Jenco and David Jacobson, hospital administrator of the American University in Beirut, were released by their captors during the period of the sporadic Iranian-American contacts.

Various reports have said there were several arms shipments to Iran in that period but Mr. Reagan heatedly denied any of the military supplies represented a "ransom payment."

He said the United States had made clear Iran must oppose all forms of international terrorism as a condition of progress in its relationship with the United States.

Khamenei: No compromise

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McFarlane was sent to Tehran this year to "open a dialogue," and said that he held four days of talks with Iranian officials.

But Mr. Khamenei stressed that no Iranian officials met with Mr. McFarlane and challenged the U.S. to name any who talked to the American delegation.

"It's a pure lie. There was no political talks with any official... only a few intelligence agents went to debrief them," he said.

The only other factual point in the Reagan speech which Mr. Khamenei denied was that Washington started its secret contacts with Iran 18 months ago.

"They might have started some talks with some people. But they were not Iranian authorities, even low-ranking officials... they might have been arms dealers," he said.

Mr. Khamenei also questioned the truth of assertions by Mr. Reagan that the secret initiative had aimed at ending the Gulf war and eliminating terrorism.

He said the U.S. had "instigated Iraq to attack Iran" six years ago, and now wanted to impose peace on Iran when it was "just a few steps from final victory."

He said the U.S. was "the great example of state terrorism... resorting to acts of terror to regain its superpower formidability."

Mr. Khamenei said Mr. Reagan's admission that the U.S. had no evidence of Iranian involvement in terroristic acts in the past 18 months, while official U.S. statements had condemned Iran as a centre of world terrorism, showed "lying" and "opportunism" of American leaders.



Bab Al Shikhi, a modern city urban development which has knitted into the existing fabric and is

strongly influenced by the scale and architecture of Baghdad (Photo by Arup Associates)



Interior of the library and museum underneath the split-domes of the Martyr Monument, Baghdad (Photo by Ove Arup and Partners)

Experience and change in urban development in the Arab World

By Ron Marsh

The author is a civil engineer who is currently managing a British construction company in Iraq. His article is reprinted from the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce magazine.

THERE is nothing unique in the pattern of urban development in the Arab World. Rural communities worldwide are progressively being reduced, by the movement of people to the cities, in search of jobs, food or both. What is unique in each case is how the social order of the country concerned deals with the pressures urban development itself creates. The pattern of urban development must therefore be regarded under two distinct headings: that of social development, and that of physical development.

However there has been an important, and particularly significant, stimulus to urban development in the Arab World, and that has been the establishment of a prosperous, professional middle class which, under the traditional two-tier social fabric of the ruling, or trading class and those who owed allegiance to them, did not formerly exist. It is the aspirations of this middle class (be they relatively new groupings as in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states,

or established social groups, as in countries such as Iraq) which have particularly fuelled the growth of urban development. It is the challenge which these aspirations present to the professions and industry which will exercise the abilities of all associated with urban development programmes in the coming years.

In the past, British consultants in particular have been responsible for the design and supervision of a very wide range of development projects. Such projects in future will demand the full participation of local professionals: the situation in other service sectors and in industry will be essentially similar. It will be important to ensure that there is a proper interchange of skills, enabling developing local professional practices in the Arab World to benefit from the proven experience of the expatriate practice, and at the same time take responsibility for the particular development in hand.

The other factor which has tended to characterise urban development in the Arab World is the very broad variety of projects which have been undertaken, and the essential differences in the ways in which individual countries have set about providing urban facilities for their populations. In Saudi Arabia, for example, there has been the creation of the vast new industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu from what were formerly

largely desert sites, involving the installation of massive industrial and infrastructural hardware, as well as a complete range of community and residential facilities. In Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, by contrast, the decision has been to develop what were formerly small historic trading towns. In Iraq and Sudan the ancient and established cities of Baghdad and Khartoum have seen their populations greatly increased.

Urban development in itself creates considerable social strains and physical problems, and these have been magnified in the case of the Arab World by the very speed at which urbanisation has taken place. Although such problems may be similar from place to place, their solutions require very different approaches, depending on the country involved.

In the case of the new cities (and to some extent this is equally true of the rapidly developed trading centres such as Kuwait and Abu Dhabi) the primary new urban development has now been completed, with provision having been made for projected growth well into the 21st century. The important challenge in such cities now is the handling of secondary and tertiary development, and it is here that the collaboration which is already growing between the professions and industry will play a crucial part. Indeed this collaboration is being fostered at

government level in many of the countries concerned, often by the imposition of laws making it necessary for expatriate companies to work in joint venture with parallel local firms, as is the case in Saudi Arabia.

In the older cities, the problems are different and in some senses more complex. The authorities here are faced with enormous and growing pressures on existing infrastructure systems, and have to cope not only with rebuilding and modernising existing systems to meet current demand, but also expanding them to meet projected future requirements. In a comparatively poor country, the physical and social inconvenience that such difficulties can cause is of course much worse.

The example of Baghdad

In the rapid development of Baghdad (and the same is true of others cities in the region) there has been a growing realisation that the city has lost much of its historic core in the name of modernisation, and with it the basis of the social fabric and spirit of the city. As a reaction to this, the authorities in Baghdad are now listing as "historical" many buildings which are only 40 or 50 years old. At the same time, detailed studies of sections of the inner city are being undertaken, with a view to determining how best to upgrade the buildings and

infrastructure within them to meet modern hygienic and space requirements, whilst at the same time retaining their essential character. This has provided a unique opportunity for co-operation between Iraqi architects, planners and sociologists and teams of expatriate experts drawn from all parts of the world. Every house and business in the study areas has been visited by members of these teams in the course of their assessment of physical and social conditions, and strategic and implementation plans for upgrading of the areas concerned have been prepared, based on their findings.

In Baghdad, as elsewhere in the Arab World, city enlargement has created the need for more efficient urban transportation systems. It is planned that immediate and future inner city transport requirements will be met by the construction of a rapid transport system, currently under design. Such systems require the highest level of technical expertise at all stages of their development, from design to construction, equipment supply, and operational and maintenance advice. Again, the demands of the system have required the closest cooperation between local firms and expatriate advisers.

This kind of cooperation can be seen in a number of other projects which have recently been

completed. For example the Martyr's Monument, which combines a physical symbol of the struggles of the Iraqi people with a museum, involved very close collaboration between Ove Arup & Partners, the city authorities and their chosen contractor during construction of the highly complex monument structure. Cooperation with the civil and military historians responsible for the museum was also essential during the time that formulation of plans for the composition of the museum and its exhibition were being undertaken.

Conclusion

A significant change is taking place in the pattern of urban development in the Arab World. The frantic quest to modernise, whatever the cost, has passed, and has been replaced in many cases by a realisation that it is essential to define modernisation within the characteristics of the Arab social and religious order. This is a challenge which has to be met both by the local Arab authorities and the expatriates working with them, who seek to control development of the urban environment to the benefit of all the people.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — Nov. 15, 1986

8:30 You Again
Plastic Dreamworld

9:10 Sat. Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film
Foxy Express Rider

Starring:
Henry Wilsson
Joan Caulfield

The story of two rugged frontiersmen. They are friends: Trevor Kingman is a rancher who lusts for power, so Jed Richardson is a modest man who hopes to carve decency into the western wilds.

Sun. — Nov. 16, 1986

8:30 Sorry

Being tied to mother's apron strings at the age of 42 is a sad fate for any man. For the gently defiant Timothy Lumsden, it leads to a battle of wills with a tyrannical mother who persists in treating him like a seven-year-old.

9:10 Cosmos

10:20 Dallas
Flash Sweet Jesse

Mon. — Nov. 17, 1986

8:30 No Place Like Home

9:10 The Consultant

Chris Webb is an arrogant and ambitious computer consultant who is hired to investigate the possible incidence of computerised embezzlement at a large merchant bank. Webb is not above beating the system at its own game, and he seizes the chance to subsidise his extravagant life-style with the spoils of computer crime.

10:20 Strangers and Brothers

Lewis Eliot, now 36, is a wartime civil servant in Whitehall. His minister, Humphrey Bevil, assigns him the task of recruiting scientists for a new atomic research establishment to be situated at Barford in Warwickshire.

Tue. — Nov. 18, 1986

8:30 Music Box

9:30 Hilary

The producer of searchlight is stuck for a programme idea, and Hilary suggests they all spend the night at a well-known haunted house and wait for things to go bump! As always, when Hilary is involved, things don't go quite according to plan.

10:20 Dempsey and Makepeace

Wed. — Nov. 19, 1986

8:30 Three's Company
Hearing is Believing

9:00 Doc. — Architecture at the Crossroads
Japan: Building the Zen way

As in the fashion and design worlds, many architects are looking to Japan for inspiration. This programme introduces Japan's thriving architecture industry. Lozaki and Maki are building throughout the world. Other Japanese architects are creating a minimal architecture that is both personal and beautiful. What can be learnt from their cerebral designs?

9:30 Alfred Hitchcock Night

10:20 The Great Bookie Robbery

Thur. — Nov. 20, 1986

8:30 Check It Out

A young attractive girl plays a lover role with the manager, but he finds out that she was a spy!!

9:10 Falcon Crest

10:20 Feature Film
Superman III

Starring:
Christopher Reeve
Richard Pryor
Pamela Stephenson

Fri. — Nov. 21, 1986

9:10 Best Seller

10:20 Sherlock Holmes
Man with Twisted Lip

A lady tells the police that her husband disappeared 48 hours ago, fears that he was dead. The police tries to find the man, and Holmes interferes to help.

Bangkok soars, but loses its identity

By Denis D. Gray
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand. — Local architects surveying a dramatically changing skyline fear Bangkok is losing its cultural identity.

Those who grew up in family compounds now raise their children in high-rise condominiums. Rather than open-air stalls, they shop in supermarkets and giant department stores rivaling those of Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Foreign tourists eager to see the famed canals and temples of old Siam find themselves fighting traffic on concrete canyons resembling New York's Manhattan.

Bangkok's metamorphosis from an easy-going, tropical city to a dynamic, congested metropolis has occurred in less than a generation. And the trend is toward more "modernisation" continued eradication of the past and further growth.

U.N. officials estimate Bangkok's population will swell from over 6 million now to nearly 12 million by the year 2000, making it the world's 10th largest city.

Bangkok has been expanding since 1782 when King Rama I decided to convert a trading post along the banks of the Chao Phraya River into his dynastic capital.

But for most of its history, the urban landscape consisted of canals lined by temples, palaces and two-story Chinese shophouses that until recently dominated the downtowns of most Southeast Asian cities.

As late as the early 1970s, the Bangkok Metropolitan Authority said the city had less than 25

buildings higher than six stories. Last year there were 120 high-rise apartments, condominiums, office complexes and hotels.

The 40-story Indra Bayok tower now under construction will become the city's tallest structure. But even more vertical growth is expected because the land along Silom Road, the city's "Wall Street," is now valued at 1,000 U.S. dollars a square metre.

Some architects bemoan the loss of old, atmospheric quarters, the quiet residential neighbourhoods and what they call the lack of proper city planning.

Songkroo Athakorn, dean of the fine arts faculty at Chulalongkorn University, describes Bangkok as "a mess." He says much of what is going up harmonises with neither Thai culture nor the tropical environment.

"We should find our own way for our own people, and not just take ideas from outside because they are there," says the architect and scholar.

In addition to standard, Western-style skyscrapers, Bangkok is sprouting what architect Sumet Jumsai calls "a catalogue of meaningless architectural motifs."

Apparently to impress and appear cosmopolitan, wealthy patrons are ordering concoctions borrowed from styles including Greco-Roman, Swiss chalet, Victorian, Elizabethan and New England.

Enjoying current favour are massive doric columns for office buildings and Gothic cathedral windows.

One Italian renaissance-style residence is covered with a fibre glass dome and a raised compound of traditional Thai houses is

reached by a staircase right out of a French chateau in the Loire valley.

Perhaps those were the reasons a regional magazine dubbed Bangkok "a paradise for pastichers," and why architects like Sumet are asking whether the city has become infected by what they call "architecture identity disaster syndrome."

Thai social scientists say more important than the changing face of Bangkok is the emerging lifestyle among the burgeoning middle class in the suburban developments or the apartment complexes that featuring "one-stop living."

"Little research has been done on what's happening but I'm convinced it's more vital to Thailand's future than elections, coups and the balance of payments," says one academic at Thammasat University.

Some readily noticeable changes in middle and upper middle class lifestyle over the past few years have included dismemberment of traditional family compounds where several generations lived together, often with servants and gardeners.

Today, more young couples and even singles opt for their own places, often apartments or small suburban-type houses that require fewer or no servants. More women work and shop for quick dinners at supermarkets rather than dispatching the maid to open air markets for the makings of elaborate traditional meals.

Heavy traffic and a far more crackling business pace have put an end to leisurely lunches at home. Work and living have been separated with the decline of the shophouse with its store on the ground floor and family quarters upstairs.

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Noah cruises to semifinals

Leconte, Mecir eliminated early in London

LONDON (Agencies) — Yannick Noah lifted the London Indoor Tennis Tournament out of its mire of mediocrity Friday, reaching the semifinals with his first victory over American Johan Kriek.

The Frenchman's 7-6, 6-4 success took him into the last four alongside Czechoslovak Libor Pimek who swept past American David Pate 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Noah's relaxed attitude to the game and his vast array of shots provided welcome relief after the dull fare provided by so many of the baseline huggers this week.

However, the weakness in his game remains his tendency to resemble a defective air-conditioning unit — one moment he's blowing very hot, the next very cold for no apparent reason.

Noah broke Kriek in the fourth game but when on the verge of taking the first set — 5-3 and 30-0 up — he lost concentration and allowed his South African-born opponent to claw his way back into the game and break in his turn.

Noah eventually made amends for the error when he clinched the set on his fourth set point, winning the tie-break 10-8 after Kriek served a double fault.

Service success rate was the

essential difference between the two players as Noah served 10 aces while Kriek had eight double faults, one of which allowed Noah a chance to break in the seventh game of the second set.

He held on to clinch victory on the first of three match points.

Pimek took one set to get the measure of Pate's stand-back-and-hit-it game and then chased the American round the court to reach only his second major tournament semifinal in over a year.

Pate, who won their only previous meeting in straight sets, emerged triumphant from a closely-fought first set tie-break, taking it 9-7. But he completely lost his confidence after being broken early in the second, allowing Pimek to monopolise the net.

The lanky Czechoslovak broke

again for 5-2, won the set 6-2 and proceeded to win 14 of the first 15 points in the third to roar to a 4-0 lead. Victory was not long delayed.

Seeds fall

Pimek, ranked 75th in the world, succeeded in eliminating the no. 2 seed, Henry Leconte, on Wednesday.

Jonas B. Svensson, one of the lesser known members of the strong Swedish tennis "factory," eliminated U.S. Open finalist Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia on Thursday.

Svensson, a 20-year-old baseliner ranked 28 in the world, put out a strangely lethargic Mecir 6-3, 6-4 in an hour and 20 minutes on the supreme court at the Wembley Arena.

Mecir, the no. 4 seed and the world's ninth-ranked player, became the sixth seed to tumble out of the tournament, leaving only Yannick Noah, and American Kevin Curren in the tournament.

Honecker dispels rumour of East German boycott

BERLIN (AP) — Erich Honecker, East Germany's Communist Party chief and head of state, said Friday the nation's athletes are preparing for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, the state-run ADN News Agency reported.

Honecker's statement to International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch in East Berlin was the latest in a series of indications by high-ranking officials that East Germany will take part in the

Olympics in the South Korean capital.

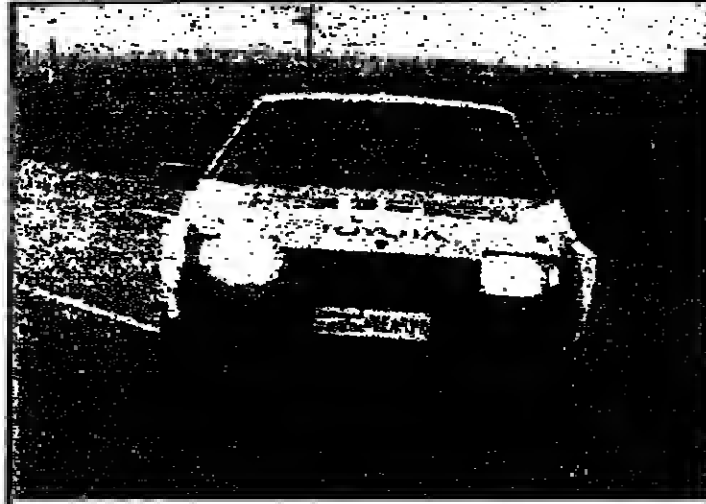
There have been concerns that Soviet-led Communist nations might boycott the Seoul games because of the Soviet's support for North Korea in its dispute with South Korea. Communist North Korea has threatened to call for a boycott of the games unless it is allowed to stage some Olympic events.

"Through their excellent performances in this year's world and European championships, the athletes (of East Germany) have underlined that they are preparing in a goal-oriented way for the 1988 Olympic Games," ADN quoted Honecker as telling Samaranch.

Honecker also stressed East Germany's adherence to Olympic ideals, the agency said.

Honecker and Samaranch also discussed "current Olympic topics," ADN said but provided no details.

The IOC is striving to avert a third successive boycott of Olympic Games.



NECK-TO-NECK RALLY: George Haddad and Fawzi Sawalha, in their Toyota Celica, won the Kings Highway Rally, Friday, with a time of 37.12 minutes. In a close second place was His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah and Amir Bilbisi, in their Opel Manta 400, with a time of 37.33 minutes. Third place was taken by Hani Bishara and Wafai Meis, in their Toyota Corolla, with a time of 38.06 minutes. Prince Abdullah won the overall Jordan driving title, with Nabil Karam moving into second and George Khayat dropping to third as a result of Friday's rally (Photo by Taj)

England fights back on 1st day versus Aussies

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Australian captain Allan Border could regret the decision to dump experienced test strike bowler Geoff Lawson for the opening day's play of the first ashes test against England at the Gabba Friday.

After early disaster, England fought its way out of difficulty as a young, inexperienced pace attack tried vainly for another breakthrough.

At stumps Friday night England, sent in by Border after his eighth successive success with the toss, was 2-198.

The dogged, luck-blessed Bill Athey was 76 and Allan Lamb 40. Apart from an early breakthrough, the only joy that came to Border during the day was his Order of Australia (OAM), presented to him in a brief ceremony during the luncheon break by State Governor Sir Walter Campbell.

Athey had hit only his second test 50 and was just 24 runs shy of his initial test century when bad light stopped play.

Athey and skipper Mike Gatting pulled England out of an early setback when opening

batsman Chris Broad went for eight with the Tourists 1-15.

The pair hit 101 in 148 minutes from a virtually novice pace attack, consisting of Bruce Reid (8 tests) Merv Hughes (1) and Tyno newcomer Chris Matthews.

Athey hit his unbeaten top class score with more edges and snicks than a cross-cut saw.

The situation called for a resolute fire-in-the-belly Lawson to break it up — but the lanky paceman was busy carrying drinks and items of clothing onto the field.

After Gatting had gone, the combined resources of the pace trio plus Steve Waugh and Greg Matthews couldn't break an 82 unbeaten third wicket stand between Athey and Lamb.

Athey survived 275 minutes of play in an innings liberally dotted with snicks, edges, balls chopped just wide of the stumps and cross bat shots over desperately leaping fieldsmen.

An exasperated Hughes had words with Athey when they met mid-wicket after the gritty Gloucestershire player had again snicked Hughes to the fence for four.

Chinese teams vie to lose

PEKING (R) — An enraged crowd and a disgusted referee watched helplessly as two Chinese women's basketball teams strove to lose a key game, the China Daily reported Friday. The ladies of the Anhui and Shandong provincial teams went all out to score goals against themselves in the match's closing seconds, both hoping to be put in a weaker preliminary group at next year's national games, it said.

Shandong's superior skills eventually gave it a 65-64 defeat in what referee Han Maofu called "the most disgusting exhibition I've ever seen."

Finnish duel for rally crown

LONDON (R) — Rallying's troubled, tragic, supercar era stages its European finale with a farewell burst of british power in Britain's forests next week.

The absence of Finn Henri Toivonen, last year's winner of the four-day 2,500 kilometre Royal Automobile Club (RAC) round-Britain rally, at Sunday's bath start will be a poignant reminder to drivers and fans alike of the turbulent chapter in the history of the sport.

Toivonen gave the Lancia Delta a debut triumph last November. Six months later he was dead, killed in a crash in the Corsican Rally.

The accident sealed the fate of the Group B turbocharged flyers — rallying's equivalent of Formula One. They will be banned at the end of the year in favour of less powerful, more orthodox machinery.

Work teams from Peugeot, Lancia, Ford and Austin Rover will give the supercars a closing fling in the RAC rally, last round of the world manufacturers' championship — already claimed by Peugeot — and penultimate battle in the chase for the drivers' prize. Toivonen's compatriots Juha Kankkunen and Markku Alen, who drive for Peugeot and Lancia respectively, are locked in combat for the individual championship. Neither has won the RAC event.

W. Indies wins cricket series

SIKOT, Pakistan (AP) — The West Indies defeated Pakistan by four wickets Friday in the third one-day cricket international at Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson made 78 runs in a second wicket partnership.

The West Indies has now won the series. The team won the first one-day match of the current five match series at Peshawar by four wickets and won the second match at Gujranwala on a better run rate.

Pakistan won the toss Friday and elected to bat first. The home team tried a new opening combination of Rizwan Uz-Zaman and Shoaib Mohammad. The two batsmen played sensibly against an accurate pace attack by Malcolm Marshall and Anthony Gray.

The Pakistani openers carried the score to 25 runs and looked set for a good score when Shoaib was caught by Geoffrey Durren after scoring seven runs.

Four runs later, Rizwan was caught by Gordon Greenidge, both wickets falling to the bowling of Courtney Walsh.

Pakistan had two wickets for 29 runs when Ramiz Raja and Javed Miandad combined in a useful third-wicket partnership which produced 41 runs. At 70, Ramiz was trapped by Winston Benjamin after making 13 runs.

Pakistan lost another quick wicket when Abdul Qadir, promoted in the batting order, fell to Roger Harper at 77 runs. Miandad added 24 runs with Piri skipper Imran Khan for the fifth wicket.



JORDAN CUP GOES TO AL ARABI: His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah presents the Jordan Cup to Riaz Talafah, captain of the winning team, Al Arabi. Al Arabi captured the cup by defeating Al Jazira 1-0 in the soccer finals held on Friday at Amman Stadium. Al Arabi becomes the first team to win the Jordan Cup from outside the Amman area and from other than the Premier Division, since the beginning of the cup competition in 1980. Al Arabi, from Irbid, will be moving to the Premier Division after winning the 1st Division title this year. The match was held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein who deputised Prince Abdullah (Photo by Abu Siman)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese rafters traverse Yangtze

PEKING (R) — Chinese rafters have travelled the entire 6,300 kilometre length of the Yangtze River but four colleagues were killed during the five-month feat, the New China News Agency said. It said Thursday the 10 workers from the central city of Luoyang were the first people to travel the 6,300 kilometre river from source to mouth. Four of the team were killed while trying to traverse the Leaping Tiger Gorge in Sichuan province in September. U.S. rafters who attempted the same feat earlier this year gave up after one team member died.

Wilander won't play in Davis Cup

STOCKHOLM (R) — Mats Wilander has turned down a place in Sweden's Davis Cup squad for next month's final against Australia in Melbourne, the Swedish Tennis Association said Thursday. Holder Sweden had feared its top player would not take part because he is to marry model Sonya Mulholland at her parents' home near Durban, South Africa, on Jan. 3, only one week after the Dec. 26-28 final. Wilander, ranked third in the world, made his decision during his current charity exhibition tour of northern Sweden.

Manchester is in the red

LONDON (R) — Manchester United, Britain's best supported club, made a loss of £984,000 (\$1.4 million) in 1985-86, it was announced Friday. But the figures do not take into account the \$3 million fee from Barcelona for Welsh striker Mark Hughes. It is the first time the club has been in the red since the 1981-2 season when Ron Atkinson arrived and the balance sheet showed a deficit of \$3.1 million.

Bugner on the comeback

SYDNEY (R) — Former British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner completed stage two of his comeback in comfortable fashion with a unanimous points decision over American David Bey at Sydney's entertainment centre Friday night. Bugner's victory keeps him on course for a possible world heavyweight title challenge early in the new year.

U.S. badminton gets under way

MANHATTAN BEACH, California (R) — Fans were treated to breathtaking play as American Tony Alston and Pae-Ki-Sun of South Korea fought a free-for-all in the first round of the U.S. Open Badminton Championships. Alston was beaten badly in the first game in late afternoon, then won the second to even the match held Thursday. The third game was a seesaw battle with Alston getting to 14-11, match point, only to have the Korean pull up to send the match to deuce. A few points later at 16-11 there were 10 changes of service before Alston won the last point.

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